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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Sent here, Lord, by the people of this Nation to accomplish the work of government for the people, Members of Congress rightly feel endowed with a mantle of justice. Divine Providence has brought them together to honestly face the diversity and complexity of the times in the light of constitutional obligations.

Humbled by the sacred trust placed within them, they also realize their own limitations as well as the great expectations thrust upon them.

This House of Representatives for this great Nation stands before You, almighty and ever-powerful Lord, seeking Your wisdom and guidance to sort out confusion with the clarity of truth, to expose hidden greed and corruption to the light of goodness, and to seek ways of peace by regulating laws and policies as the bedrock of equal justice.

May all the Members of this Chamber and citizens across this Nation drown out arguments, advertisements, and anger with the depth of personal prayer for their government so they find their way, the truth, and life in You, in Whom we place all our trust.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. BERRY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Mr. BERRY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1494. An act the authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes.

S. 1677. An act the reauthorize the Defense Production Act of 1950, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Coast Guard Academy:

The Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER), ex officio, as Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation;

The Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now entertain up to five 1-minute requests on each side of the aisle.

HONORING DR. NORMAN BORLAUG

(Mr. BERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BERRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my great sorrow at the passing of Dr. Norman Borlaug, and to honor his great contributions to biotechnology and battling famine around the globe.

Dr. Borlaug's development of high-yield wheat varieties and his introduction of modern production techniques in Mexico, Pakistan, and India led to the "green revolution," a worldwide movement that greatly increased food security and improved the lives of millions of impoverished and hungry people on every continent.

For his efforts, Dr. Borlaug was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and the Nobel Peace Prize. To this day, farmers and elected leaders alike look to Dr. Borlaug's accomplishments both as a matter of practice and inspiration. While his work has shown us how to better feed ourselves, his life has shown us that one man can improve the lives of millions more vulnerable.

I thank you for this time, Madam Speaker, and I thank Dr. Borlaug for his services to our Nation and to our world.

DO NOT ABANDON POLAND MISSILE SHIELD

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. History is not kind to leaders who sacrifice our Polish allies. News reports indicate that our administration will end plans to build the long-planned American missile defense site for Poland. That site, carefully picked by the Pentagon, is directly

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